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I FEEL WE MUST GIVE GOG SOME MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY TO ANSWER PRIME MINISTERS LETTER MARCH 14 RE VOLTA RIVER PROJECT TRANSMITTED WITH EMBASSY DESPATCH 557.

FOR REASONS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO ME PRIME MINISTER FEELS THAT WHEN HE VISITED WASHINGTON LAST JULY HE RECEIVED MORAL COMMITMENT FROM PRESIDENT TO HELP FINANCE DAM PROVIDED REASSESSMENT REPORT SHOULD BE FAVORABLE, AS IT PROVED TO BE. PRIME MINISTER CONSIDERED ADDRESSING HIS LETTER MARCH 14 TP PRESIDENT BUT WAS PERSUADED ADDRESS IT TO ME FOR TRANSMISSION TO US GOVERNMENT. I UNDERSTAND HE AND OTHER MINISTERS KEENLY DISAPPOINTED BY NO RESPONSE THUS FAR.

I RECOMMEND STRONGLY DEPARTMENT HAVE ME INFORM GOG THAT:

(1) LETTER RECEIVED PROMPT ATTENTION AT HIGH LEVEL;

(2) IN LIGHT REASSESSMENT REPORT US GOVERNMENT (ICA) HAS SOUGHT WITH RENEWED VIGOR TO INTEREST PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN ESTABLISHING SMELTER (AND WITH SUCH RESULTS AND OUTLOOK AS MAY BE STATED);

(3) ANY REQUEST FOR DLF FINANCING FOR DAM WOULD HAVE TO COME AFTER IBRD AND OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES HAD BEEN APPROACHED FORMALLY; IBRD WITH 40 PERCENT CAPITAL FROM US GOVERNMENT CAN HARDLY CONSIDER DAM FINANCING BEFORE QUESTION OF POWER OUTLET IS SETTLED; THEREFORE US GOVERNMENT CONCENTRATING ON EFFORT INTEREST PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN SMELTER WITHOUT US GOVERNMENT AT THIS STAGE CONSIDERING DAM FINANCING.

I HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN INSTRUCT ME PROMPTLY EVEN IF MESSAGE MUST DEPART FROM MY RECOMMENDATION. FLAKE

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